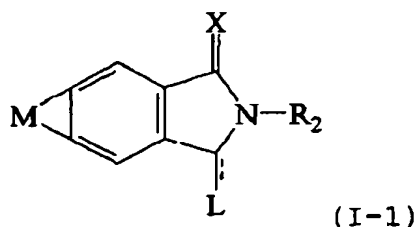


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) ~~The A compound of Claim 1, which is represented by~~  
formula (I-1)



wherein M represents together with the isoindoline structure a saturated 5- or 6-membered cyclic group which may optionally have 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen;

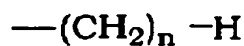
~~X, R<sub>2</sub> and L are as defined in Claim 1~~

X is oxygen or sulfur;

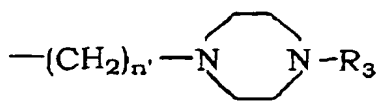
R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyridylmethyl, pyrimidinyl, cyclohexyl, methylpiperazinyl, indanyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl and naphthyl, all of which may optionally be substituted; provided that when R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, the 3- and 4- positions of the phenyl moiety are not substituted by alkoxy groups at the same time;

----- represents a single bond or double bond: and

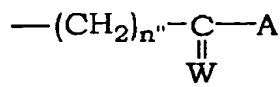
L is



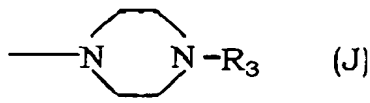
wherein n is an integer of 1-8;



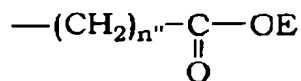
wherein  $R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched C1-8 alkyl, C1-3 alkyl substituted by at least one fluorine atoms, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclohexylmethyl, benzyl, 2-pyridyl and 2-pyrimidinyl groups,  $n'$  is an integer of 1-3;



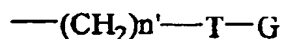
wherein W is an oxygen or sulfur atom, A is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched C1-5 alkyl, 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 2-thiazolylamino, 4-methylhomopiperazinyl, 4-piperidinopiperidino, dimethylaminoanilino, pyridylamino, piperidino, 4-ethoxycarbonyl piperidino, 4-carboxypiperidino and a group represented by formula (J)



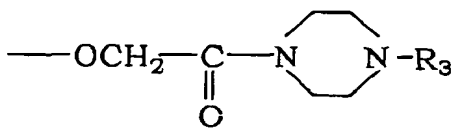
wherein  $R_3$  is as defined above,  
 $n''$  is an integer of 0-3;



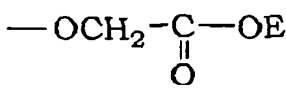
wherein E is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched C1-6 alkyl or alkenyl, C1-3 alkyl substituted by at least one fluorine atoms, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-methylthioethyl, 2-dimethylaminoethyl, phenyl, pyridyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, tetrahydro-2H-pyranyl, cyclohexylmethyl, 1-methyl-4-piperidyl, indanyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl and 1H-indolyl, wherein phenyl and pyridyl may optionally be substituted by the group consisting of halogen, methyl, methoxy, isopropyl and allyl,  $n''$  is an integer of 0-3;



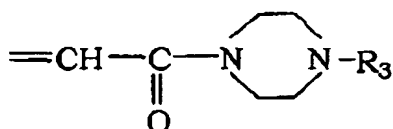
wherein T is oxygen, sulfur or NH, G is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched C1-5 alkyl, C1-3 alkyl substituted by at least one fluorine atoms, 2-methoxyethyl and alkylcarbonyl, n' is an integer of 1-3;



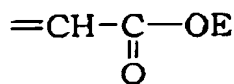
wherein R<sub>3</sub> is as defined above;



wherein E is as defined above;



wherein R<sub>3</sub> is as defined above; or



wherein E is as defined above;

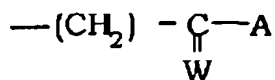
or a salt thereof.

5. (Original) The compound of Claim 4, wherein M is selected from the group consisting of

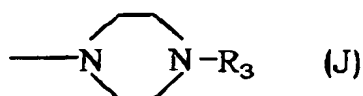


6. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted pyridyl.

7. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein L is

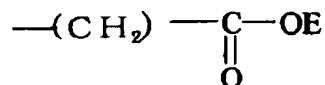


wherein W is oxygen, A is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched C1-5 alkyl and a group of formula (J):



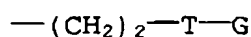
wherein R<sub>3</sub> is methyl or isopropyl.

8. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4 wherein L is



wherein E is selected from the group consisting of propyl, isobutyl and phenyl substituted by at least one of methyl and/or methoxy.

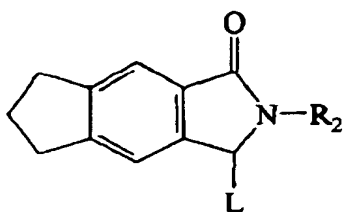
9. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of~~ Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein L is



wherein T is oxygen or sulfur, and G is ethyl or propyl.

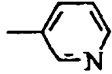
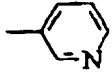
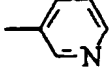
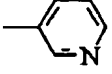
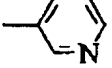
10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) The compound of ~~claim 4~~ Claim 4, which is represented by the formula:



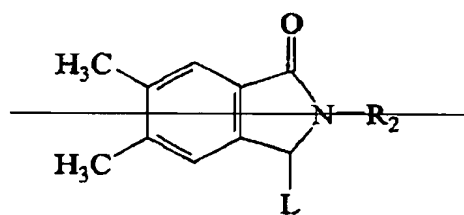
wherein  $R_2$  and  $L$  are selected from the following combinations:

$R_2$	$L$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$

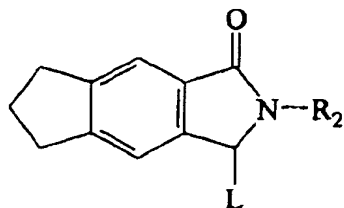
R <sub>2</sub>	L
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{piperidine})\text{N}(\text{cyclohexyl})$

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

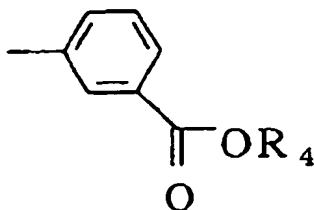
12. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The compound of Claim [[1]] 4, wherein which is represented by the formula



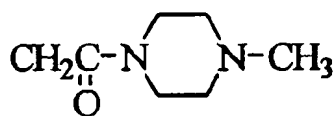
or



wherein R<sub>2</sub> is



wherein R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C1-5 alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl and optionally substituted benzyl, and L is



13. (Currently amended) An anesthetic composition for inducing sedative effect and anesthesia in a mammal, comprising an anesthetic effective amount of the compound of ~~claim 1~~ Claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (Original) The composition of Claim 13, which is for intravenous injection.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method for inducing sedative effect and anesthesia in a mammal, comprising the step of administering an anesthetic effective amount of the compound of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4 to the subject in need of anesthesia.